

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 were previously pending in the application. Claims 21 and 23 are canceled; claims 1, 3, 13, 15, 22, and 24 are amended; and new claims 25-29 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-20, 22, and 24-29 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

On page 2 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, the Applicant submits that the Examiner misinterpreted the term "itself" as meaning "by itself." Moreover, the Examiner appeared to imply that all of claims 2-24 depend from claim 1, which they do not.

In any case, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 13 to delete the term "itself." In addition, the claims have been amended to recite "at least one of the gm cells" and "the at least one gm cell" instead of "one of the gm cells" and "the one gm cell" to preserve the breadth of the original claims.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits that the rejections of claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, have been overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102 and Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5-14, 16-17, and 20 as being unpatentable over Deveirman. On page 4, the Examiner stated that claims 3-4, 15, 18-19, and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under Section 112, second paragraph. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable.

Claims 1 and 13

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 13 is found in previously presented (now canceled) claims 21 and 23. The Applicant submits that currently amended claims 1 and 13 are allowable for at least some of the same reasons that the Examiner indicated that claims 21 and 23 were directed to allowable subject matter. Since claims 2-12, 14-20, 22, and 24 depend variously from claims 1 and 13, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

Claims 25-26

Support for new claim 25 is found in previously pending claims 1 and 3, while support for new claim 26 is found in previously pending claim 4. The Applicant submits that new claim 25 is allowable for at least some of the same reasons that the Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 3 was directed to allowable subject matter. Since claim 26 depends from claim 25, it is further submitted that that claim is also allowable.

Claim 27

Support for new claim 27 is found in previously pending claims 13 and 15. The Applicant submits that new claim 27 is allowable for at least some of the same reasons that the Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 15 was directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 28-29

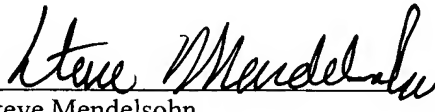
Support for new claim 28 is found in previously pending claims 13 and 18, while support for new claim 29 is found in previously pending claim 19. The Applicant submits that new claim 28 is allowable for at least some of the same reasons that the Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 18 was directed to allowable subject matter. Since claim 29 depends from claim 28, it is further submitted that that claim is also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits therefore that the rejections of claims under Sections 102(b) have been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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